

Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship, & Serve

MARCH GET INVOLVED CHALLENGE: Continuing last month's mission goals, we will offer a goal each month for you to reach. The goal for March: *Attend a new or old Sunday School class and remain in attendance for the entire month of March.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST: This Sunday at 8:30am. Please join us!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: The Women in Faith will meet at 3:00pm Tuesday, March 11th in the Caston Parlor. We will have a guest speaker from the Wallace Family Life Center. All women in the church are invited. Thank you - Zenda Rushing.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The food pantry needs can openers for the homeless who come to our church to get a food donation. Some cans must be opened with a can opener. We also need pop-top cans of food (ex. meats, fruits, soups, pasta, pudding cups).

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES: First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church will join together for lunch on April 2nd, 9th, 16th leading up to Easter. Please make plans to join us!

FUTURE BIBLE STUDY: Please be on the lookout in future bulletins for a Bible Study hosted by Rev. Keith Stewart beginning in April.

FIREFLIES & YOUTH: March 16th, 23rd, and 30th are still open for dinner. Please contact Lesley Jean Watson if you are interested in providing a meal.

MEN'S BBQ: The Men's BBQ is April 5th, 2025. Drive through pick up only from 11:00am-2:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00. If you need tickets, please see Joey Mills or drop by the church office.

GRADUATES: Please contact the church office if you have a high school or college graduate this year.

Tithes needed weekly: **\$5,928.83**; Received Mar. 2nd: **\$3,502.75**.

Church School Attendance Mar. 2nd: **33**; Worship Attendance Mar. 2nd: **76**

Liturgist: **Gregory Sanderson**; Greeter: **Angela Holliday**

Head Usher: **David McLean**; Nursery: **Dawn Leach**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE NINTH DAY *of* MARCH 2025

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

The Worship of God

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - PURPLE

MARCH 9TH, 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

ORGAN VOLUNTARY | Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

William Carpenter

CHIMING & WELCOME

We welcome each of you to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. Please take note of our important announcements found on the back of this bulletin.

Gregory Sanderson

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 269** | Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

†**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** | The Apostles' Creed

Gregory Sanderson

†GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

PSALM 92 | Psalter 811-812

Gregory Sanderson

The congregation is encouraged to sing the Psalm Response with the choir at each red "R."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 410** | I Want a Principle Within

GERALD

OFFERTORY | Forty Days of Shame

An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church. If you are visiting, please sign a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate so we may connect with you. Scan the QR code to the right for digital offerings.

John Black



†DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM | Lenten Meditation

Jay Althouse

Jesus Christ, my Savior lived for me and died, source of my salvation, yet was crucified. Peace that knows no measure: This by faith I see. Love that knows no ending; Jesus died for me. Lord, O Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days. And Lord, by your grace help us change our sinful ways. Hear me now, Lord Jesus: I will never stray. I will never wander. Hear me, as I pray. Free me now from darkness. Cleanse me now from sin. Pardon my transgressions. Make me pure within. Amen.

†SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 4: 1-13

Rev. Keith Stewart

SERMON | *Resisting Temptations*

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN TFWS 2112** | Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

†DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

†CHORAL BENEDICTION | Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Dubois

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise thee forever, For on the Holy Cross Thou hast the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. Christ, we do all adore thee. (*Adoramus Te' from The Seven Last Words of Christ, 1867*)

IN KEEPING WITH THE PENITENTIAL NATURE OF THE SEASON, THERE WILL BE NO POSTLUDES DURING LENT. THE CHORAL BENEDICTION WILL END OUR SERVICE EACH WEEK, PROVIDING TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND PRAYER.

OUR PRAYER LIST | PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL ON THE PRAYER LIST!

Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, health care workers, EMT's, firefighters, law enforcement officers, all young and aged people with mental illnesses, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Mary Burr, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Curtis Jones, Tony Thrailkill, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), James Thurman (Angie Smith's Father), and the family of Ellison Outen.